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Church News

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VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Union Seminary: Prof. George M. Sleeth, the instructor in public speaking, in addition to the strenuous work he does with his classes of students and ministers, generously gives a public entertainment every winter for the benefit of some good cause connected with the Seminary. This year it was for the students' hospital fund. A large audience listened with delight to his varied selections, rendered as he only can render them. Mrs. Hamilton Smith and Mr. Foster Barnes, two well-known Richmond soloists, and the Seminary quartette, assisted him with interspersed musical selections of striking beauty.

Rev. H. Kerr Taylor, of Greenville, S. C., a 1915 graduate of the Seminary, and his bride, who was Miss Fannie Bland Graham, of Lexington, Va., were welcomed visitors last week. They are under appointment as missionaries to North China. Mr. Taylor recently resigned his pastoral charge at Maysville, Ky., in order to take up work in the foreign field. Mr. Frank F. Baker, who has been for three years a teacher at Lavras, Brazil, is one of the new students entering the Seminary at the beginning of the second half-year.

The speaker to the Society of Missionary Inquiry Sunday night was Rev. J. E. Booker, D. D., superintendent of Home Missions in the Synod of Virginia, a graduate of the Seminary in the class of 1878. He made the most interesting address he has ever made at the Seminary, and that is saying much, for he has often spoken here, and always well.

Old students of the Seminary who met Sir William Ramsay and his family when he delivered the James Sprunt lectures a few years ago, will be interested to hear that his daughter, Miss Mary Ramsay, has just passed her examination at the Sorbonne, in Paris, for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Dr. Campbell Morgan has resigned his pastorate at Westminster chapel, in London, on account of the strain of the work on his health. He has been called to the Collins Street church, Melbourne, Australia. This change may involve some further shifting of the dates of his Sprunt lectures at the Seminary, which had to be postponed on account of conditions brought about in his charge by the war. He has been in communication with the Seminary by cable in regard to his engagement here, but it is not yet decided whether he will come earlier or later than the time last agreed upon. Due notice will be given when the dates are fixed. Inquiries continue to come in as to the dates of Dr. Alphonso Smith's Sprunt lectures on "Key Note Studies in Key Note Books." The time fixed is March 14-24.

Dr. Moore was away last week to meet a preaching engagement at Princeton, N. J.

Presbyterian Ministers' Association: The special committee appointed by this association to bring before the churches the matter of attendance upon the Laymen's Convention to be held in Lexington, Ky., February 20-22, adopted the following resolution: "That the pastors be urged to bring before their sessions for immediate and earnest consideration these two important suggestions:

"First. That each church appoint one or more representatives to the Laymen's Convention as official delegates from the church.

"Second. That inasmuch as there are a number of young men in other congregations capable of large service, and yet unable to pay their own expenses, the churches contribute to a fund to send such young men, each church endeavoring to pay at least the expenses of one man—about forty dollars.

"Signed for the committee:

"Wm. B. McIlwaine, Jr.,

"Secretary."

—First Church: The pastor, Rev. Dr. F. T. McFaden, preached last Sunday to the students of Bryn Mawr College, near Philadelphia. His pulpit was supplied by Rev. Dr. S. P. Fulton, of our Japan Mission, who gave two excellent addresses on the mission work in that country.

Norfolk, First: On Sunday night this church held a communion service, the occasion being a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. H. Kerr Taylor, who are being sent as missionaries to China by Mr. Charles Burroughs and Mrs. F. S. Royster, members of the First church. There are two other missionaries beside these being sent out by members of this church, and Mr. Hassel, who is in Japan, is supported by this congregation. In addition to the foreign work, the First church has a thriving home mission at Highland Park and one at Lambert's Point and a growing mission among the negroes of Norfolk. Dr. S. N. Hutchison, the pastor, is the grandson of a missionary, and his mother was born in India. Rev. Frank Brown, who is at

work in China, is a child of this church, though not supported by it.

Hampton: Though you have had no news from this church for some time, she is still on the map and in many ways advancing. While we have sustained heavy losses by death and removal, still our membership steadily increases. At the January communion two young boys from the Sabbath-school united with the church on profession of faith. Learning at the beginning of the year that there was a deficit in the finances of the church, the congregation responded to the call promptly and liberally, so that the trouble was adjusted and the obligations met without delay. An increase has been requested in weekly pledges, which is also meeting with hearty response, though it means a sacrifice on the part of many. On the evening of February 1, our pastor, Rev. Charles Friend, and his wife, gave a reception in the "church house" in honor of Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Cumming, of our Japan mission, who are spending their vacation with relatives in this city. The congregation of the church, the ministers of the city, and many of Mr. Cumming's boyhood friends were present to greet them. Mr. and Mrs. Friend, with Mr. and Mrs. Cumming, the latter in Japanese costume, received their friends most cordially. Conspicuous among the tasteful decorations were the flags of Japan and our own country, apparently on most friendly terms. The hostess was assisted in serving delicious refreshments by the young girls of the church, and a most delightful social evening was spent. Mr. Cumming preached to the Hampton congregation on Sabbath morning.

Tinkling Spring Church, Lexington Presbytery: Always an attractive church, Tinkling Spring has in recent months been transformed into "the church beautiful." The improvements include cement walks and remodeling both inside and out, new pews and carpet, electric lights, and a pipe organ. In addition to the work on the church, which has been done at a cost of \$6,000, a comfortable and attractive sexton's house has been built on the grounds, and an old school-house near by has been made into a community building, which will serve many useful week-day purposes and be used on the Sabbath to house the Sunday-school. While doing all this, the congregation sustained its reputation for liberality by two very large offerings for ministerial and war relief. This church enjoys the splendid spiritual leadership of the Rev. J. O. Mann.

W. D.

Mount Carmel Church, Lexington Presbytery: Rev. J. E. Purcell, pastor of this church, has recently been the recipient of a new Ford automobile, the gift of the congregation. This generous present comes as a token of the high regard in which he is held by his people, and is also a mark of appreciation of the splendid and fruitful service he is rendering in this pastorate.

W. D.

Marion: Messrs. C. C. Lincoln and A. T. Buchanan, who were recently elected deacons in this church, were yesterday ordained and installed.

Farmville: Rev. W. E. Hill, former pastor of the Presbyterian church here, now of Atlanta, preached twice from his old pulpit on the first Sunday of the month. Though the weather was bitter cold, large congregations heard him morning and evening. I have heard the giants of the Church, and through a long life, but I have never heard his morning sermon surpassed. As a venerable minister, now more than eighty, said to me at the close of the sermon, "Now we have something to carry homewith us." And that sermon will live with me as long as memory does its duty. "Fellow-

ship With God" was the theme.

R. B. Berkeley.

Bethesda: At a congregational meeting, January 28, 1917, Mr. J. D. Neil, formerly an elder in San Diego, Cal., and Mr. J. W. Davis were elected elders in this church.

Millboro and Goshen: Rev. Kenneth McCaskill, pastor of these churches who has been absent for some time attending lectures at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, has returned and taken up his pastoral duties.

Lexington: Rev. Dr. William M. McPheeters, of Columbia Presbyterian Seminary at Columbia, S. C., filled this pulpit Sunday morning.

Makemie, Norfolk Presbytery: After serving as pastor of the Makemie, Clark and Naomi Makemie churches of Accomac county for nearly two years, Rev. M. S. Huske on Sunday, February 4th, made public announcement of his resignation to take effect in March. Mr. Huske expects to be engaged in the Forward Movement for Foreign Mission, spending most of his time for the next few months in Lexington Presbytery. In the fall he expects to leave for his chosen work on the foreign mission field.

Cor.

ALABAMA.

Talladega: The First church building has been undergoing repairs, as to pews and ceiling and carpet, in the audience room, for the past three weeks. The workmen were to finish up by the 10th of this month, and we would have held service in it next Sabbath, but a fire broke out last Sunday about an hour after the services were over, in the Sunday-school annex, and came near destroying the building. The fire came from the furnace, it is thought, as most damage was done to that part of the building just over the furnace. The damage will amount to perhaps two thousand dollars; and there was ample insurance held in policies, which will cover all damage done. The Ladies' Aid and Venie Walker Societies were having the repairs done, and of course it is a great disappointment to them especially. I suppose now that we will have to continue to hold our services in the Sunday-school annex for perhaps the next two or three months.

F. B. Webb.

APPALACHIA.

Knoxville Presbytery: To the pastors and superintendents of Sunday-schools: Your Committee on Sabbath-Schools has for some time planned an aggressive campaign for the benefit of the work, and the last meeting of Presbytery granted the committee the privilege of asking for a "free-will" offering from each school, equal to one cent per member, for defraying the expenses. A letter was addressed to each superintendent, asking for the same, but so far only five of the weaker schools have responded. We need at least \$50 to carry out the plan of Presbyterial institutes, and unless there is an immediate response the committee will be compelled to abandon the plan. Do you want it to fail? Will you help the committee in this self-sacrificing work? Reply at once.

George C. Bachman, Chairman.

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Synod of Appalachia: To the pastors, elders and deacons: The minutes of the last Synod were mailed in December, and one for each member of the Official Board was mailed to the clerk of session. If you have not received the same, or enough for your purpose, we can supply you upon application. The stated clerk has entirely run out of copies of minutes of 1915, and as he has calls for the same, he would be obliged for a few unsoiled copies and will gladly pay

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